

## FEASTED ON REPUBLICAN ELOQUENCE

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Life Were Thousands at  
Wheeling Park.

### SATURDAY'S GREAT BARBECUE

Was an Unqualified Success, and At-  
tracted 10,000 People to  
the Park.

The great Republican barbecue under the auspices of the Republicans of Triadelphia district, held Saturday afternoon and evening at Wheeling Park, was an unqualified success from all viewpoints, and has done much for the cause of Republicanism in Ohio county. The feast of Republican reason and eloquence was of such excellence that even Charley Selbert's feast of life's good things, symbolic of this "full dinner pail" era of Republicanism sank in to insignificance.

In the afternoon, an audience of about 1,500 people comfortably filled the Casino and heard addresses on the issues of the campaign by Hon. Simon Wolf, of Washington, D. C., and Hon. A. B. White, of Parkersburg, the Republican candidate for governor. Mr. Wolf is an impressive speaker, and his exposition of the Republican position this year was one of the best yet heard in Wheeling. Mr. White's address was mainly a finely drawn word picture of the magnificent development West Virginia is enjoying as the direct result of Republican policies. His talk was a vote-maker, and shows clearly that a vote for the Democratic candidates this year is a vote against progress, industrial well being, financial soundness and national honor.

#### Seven Thousand People.

In the evening, the overture was a magnificent demonstration by the marching clubs of Ohio county. The line of march was over the pike from Edgington's Lane to the park, and the suburbs were ablaze with illuminations and decorations in honor of the occasion.

The night crowd at the park was of much larger dimensions, fully 7,000 people being present, and requiring an overflow meeting outside the Casino. The overflow was addressed from the band stand by Hon. Perry A. Shanor, of Sistersville, whose shafts of humor, logic and sarcasm delighted his hearers. In the Casino addresses were delivered by General Stewart L. Woodford, of New York, late minister to Spain, whose tribute to the McKinley administration was eloquent and heartfelt. He was followed by Judge John W. Jones, of Chicago, whose speech, appealing directly to wage earners, was one of the best of the campaign. Governor-to-be White next spoke, and repeated his success of the afternoon.

All in all, the barbecue was a winner from start to finish.

### AFTERNOON SPEAKING

Included Eloquent and Convincing  
Addresses by Hon. Simon Wolf and  
Governor-to-be A. B. White—The  
Latter Made a Most Favorable Im-  
pression.

The afternoon speaking occurred in the Casino, where an audience of 1,500 people had assembled at 2:15, when President George Humphrey, of the Triadelphia District Republican Club, called the meeting to order and introduced as chairman, Mr. John Arbenz, Jr., who, after a few words of welcome, introduced Hon. Simon Wolf, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wolf was received with great enthusiasm, and made an eloquent and impressive address on the issues of the campaign.

Speaking of the prosperity, the speaker said it seemed to have an intoxicating and terrifying effect upon Bryan and his followers. He told the anecdote of President Lincoln, who, when approached by advisers and told to dismiss General Grant because he drank, replied, "Where does he buy his whiskey? Let us have all we can get and administer it to our other Union generals." So it is with the present prosperity; let us get all of it that is to be had, and it can only be got through the Republican party and its policies.

Speaking of the hard times following the success of Cleveland in '32, the speaker said the issue was not "sixteen to one," but, as the Irishman said, "Nothing to ate"—if Democracy succeeds again. Shall we make a change now and humor a man who has a bounding ambition to be President? No, no!

#### Imperialism.

"Imperialism!" Is there any man so insane as to honestly believe that there is a demand for imperialism, or any tendency toward imperialism in the course of the Republican administration? No, no! And we will hand to future generations American liberty as pure and undefiled as that which we enjoy to-day, and Mr. Bryan knows it. Look at the pages of history, and you will find George Washington was charged with imperialism to the extent of desiring to become king of the United States, and charged also with receiving \$10,000 for locating the nation's capital at Washington. Lincoln, Grant and other great men of our history have been similarly assailed by demagogues in the past, just as Bryan and other demagogues are assailing President McKinley to-day.

Did we seek the war with Spain? It was forced on the President, especially by the Democrats in Congress. The war was a glorious episode in our history; we came out triumphant, and for the first time we were reckoned among the first nations of the world. Then came the treaty, and it would have gone into innocuous desuetude but for Bryan getting sixteen Democratic senators to vote for its ratification. This is an actual fact, and more than anyone else Bryan is responsible for the present situation. But suppose the Republicans had evacuated the Philippines; the

Democrats would have called us cowards. Just the other day the administration gave notice of its determination to withdraw from China; immediately Democratic papers and speakers began shouting out their criticisms. The difference is just this: The Republican party is a party of action; the Democratic party is the party of negation and criticism.

#### Dewey.

Suppose Dewey had sailed away after the sinking of the Spanish fleet. Every nun in Manila would have been outraged; every priest would have been murdered, and every monastery would have been destroyed. No, Dewey was right in staying there, and history will justify our course. Now, for the first time we are a world power—not a world power for conquest, but a world power whose institutions will inspire the entire world.

Bryan says to the soldierboys, "Come home; haul down the flag and I will establish a protectorate." A protectorate against the whole of Europe! Why, it would require an army of 200,000 men instead of the army of 100,000 we now have. But they cry militarism. That is nonsense. Just recall the great Rebellion—then was the time when militarism might have been attempted, but it was not then, and will not now or in the future.

The speaker said he had known President McKinley for years. If there is to-day a man more simple, loyal, patriotic, far seeing in his statesmanship than William McKinley, he would like to see him. (Applause.) No man since Lincoln stands out grander than McKinley, and the time will come when his two administrations will be accounted among the greatest and grandest in our history.

The speaker's tribute to Colonel Roosevelt was eloquent and earnest, and induced generous applause. His mention of Mr. White, the candidate for governor, was received with cheers. Congressman Dovenor's great work for West Virginia, as well as Senator Elkins', came in for words of praise from the speaker. Mr. Wolf's peroration was a masterpiece of eloquence.

#### Hon. A. B. White.

Before Hon. A. B. White was introduced, "Bob" Anderson came to the front and pinned up a lithograph likeness of the next governor, to the accompaniment of cheers from the audience. The enthusiasm that greeted Mr. White amounted to an ovation. He said he would not discuss all the issues, there were other speakers. He was here to stand up for West Virginia; here as a business man, a man who learned his trade, graduated into the newspaper, and finally fell from grace and ran for office. (Laughter.) He would talk as a West Virginian for a few minutes about something that interests us every year, every month, every week, every hour and every minute. Prosperity is the paramount issue. He would take a text, and it is the Democratic state platform. Quoting from the platform, the denunciation of the protective tariff policy of the Republican party, as the mother of trusts, the speaker remarked that in 1892 the Democracy came into power on this same plank, and you know the rest. Then in 1896, their paramount issue was free silver. And now it is imperialism. There is eight years, and they have had three paramount issues, and we don't know where they will stand next time. Mr. White told an amusing anecdote of the "darkey aunt" who was asked how she would tell whether the water in a tub was of the right temperature for bathing a baby, and replied:

"Use a 'mometer! Nuh! Miss White, I jus' souze 'em in, and if the water's too hot, it'll turn 'em red, and if it's too cold the kid'll turn blue."

And that's just how the Democratic party uses the people of the United States. I don't know how they served you here in Wheeling eight years ago, but they salted us a lobster red in Parkersburg, and in other sections times were as blue as indigo.

#### Dark Days of '93.

Continuing, Mr. White told of the direful effects upon West Virginia of the Wilson tariff act of 1893. The lumber industry was paralyzed; the mines were closed; the mills silent. Three months after McKinley was inaugurated the Dingley tariff act was passed, and almost entirely through the efforts of Senator Elkins five words were inserted in that act, "42 a thousand and lumber," and its beneficent effect upon West Virginia were told of eloquently: \$100,000,000 was the lumber product of the state for the past four years, and for this act alone, Senator Elkins should have the hearty support of all West Virginians, irrespective of party.

Look at the railroads! Not one in the hands of receivers, and such activity as was never before witnessed. Sixteen new railroads have been built in this state or are being built since McKinley was inaugurated. (Cheers.) We have the state that has the grandest future in the Union; its development is the greatest, and it is the best state in the Union in which to run for governor. (Applause.) There is not a county in West Virginia that has not especial reason to feel thankful that William McKinley was elected President. Stand up for West Virginia next month and vote for McKinley. (Cheers.)

Suppose Bryan is elected; we would surely have a panic. We are on a high plane now. If we could not afford to experiment with Bryan in '96, we certainly cannot afford it now, for the fall would be immeasurably greater.

#### Certainty vs. Uncertainty.

The best that can be said about the eventuality of Bryan's election is that there would be uncertainty, until the worst could be learned. Suppose that man is elected, (pointing to the portrait of President McKinley) you would experience four more years of the present magnificent prosperity. (Applause.) Can you afford to give up a certainty for an uncertainty?

All over West Virginia the cry is for workmen, and shows that prosperity is with you, Judge Holt and other Democrats deny that this prosperity is real. "Thank God I am red-headed and preach the gospel of optimism. I do not belong to the party of negation, nor do I preach pessimism. (Cries of "good!") West Virginia is all right and the Republican party is all right. (Cries—"And White's all right!")"

Referring to the strike of the anthra-

cite coal miners, in Pennsylvania, the speaker said it was a Republican strike—it was for higher wages, and it has won. In Democratic times, you only struck against lower wages and you always lost your strike. (Cheers.) "Every once in a while a truthful statement gets into the Wheeling Register," said Mr. White, amid cheers. "But it is never in the editorial columns," added the speaker, amid laughter. Proceeding, the speaker read a clipping from the Register, telling of the great coal mining prosperity in the Fairmont district. Extracts were read from the state mine inspector's report, showing 5,000 more men employed in the mines, and their wages \$200 a year greater. Give us four more years of McKinley prosperity and we'll pass Pennsylvania in coke, if not in coal production.

Speaking of Wheeling, Mr. White quoted from Labor Commissioner Barton's report, showing forty-three new establishments, 1,945 workmen and capital of \$3,000,000. Ninety-three Wheeling establishments in 1897 employed 7,000 men; in 1900 they employed over 10,000 men. Don't you think you had better stand up for Wheeling when you go to the polls on the sixth day of November? (Cheers and cries of "Yes!" and "Go on!")

#### Trusts.

Speaking of the Democratic claim that trusts are created by the Republican protective tariff system, Mr. White inquired how it was that England (a free trade country) is worse cursed with trusts than we are! Trusts are combinations that seek to corner commodities and raise prices. We are all against the trusts. Judge Holt says he would place commodities that are controlled by trusts on the free list. Think of Judge Holt putting oil on the free list—where it always has been! Think of "Dick" Croker (trembling in his boots when the Democratic party put fee on the free list—where it always has been. Think of putting coffee on the free list; we grow so much coffee, don't we?

But the remedy for trusts. There are two ways, state and national. There might be forty-five different state laws, but there would be New Jersey still. You must have a national anti-trust remedy and already we have the Interstate commerce law and the Sherman anti-trust act. There must be further national legislation, and to enact such laws we must have another constitutional amendment. What did the Democrats do when they were in power? They reported a disagreement as to how to proceed against trusts. All anti-trust legislation has been enacted by the Republican party. The speaker read the amendment to the constitution proposed by the Republicans in Congress. It received the almost unanimous support of Republican congressmen, and the almost unanimous opposition of Democrats.

Speaking of the Democratic candidates for Congress, the speaker said their candidate in the Second district is the second wealthiest man in the district, interested in many corporations; in the Third district, their candidate is identified with eighteen corporations, some of them monopolies; in the Fourth, they named another rich man, and here in the First district they named a rich railroad magnate. And what of the Republican congressional candidates? All four of them are not worth \$25,000. (Cheers.) But they are of the common people, in touch with their interests. Continuing, the speaker paid a high tribute to Congressman Dovenor, and the audience enthused.

Mr. White's exposition of the sound money position of the Republican party was convincing and at times humorous, his "Jake" Kemple anecdote convulsing his audience.

Mr. White's peroration was brilliantly eloquent and was heartily applauded. Chairman Arbenz called for cheers for McKinley and White, and they were given with a will, after which the meeting adjourned.

### THE NIGHT FEATURES.

A Fine Demonstration by the  
Marching Clubs—The Charge on  
the Barbecue—An Overflow Meeting  
Addressed by Hon. Perry A. Shanor—Eloquent Addresses by General Woodford, Judge John W. Jones and Hon. A. B. White.

Thousands of hungry men, women and children were fed at supper time by Charles Selbert and his army of assistants. The crowd began growing larger after 6 o'clock and by the time the parade arrived at the park the Casino was inadequate to accommodate all who desired to enter and hear the speakers. It was necessary to have an overflow meeting and from the band stand Hon. Perry A. Shanor addressed those who were unable to secure admission to the Casino. He made an excellent address, touching on the issues and easily disposing of the Democratic bogies of imperialism, militarism and trusts. The applause was frequent and prolonged and at times disturbed the speakers in the Casino.

The opening feature of the evening was the demonstration of clubs. It was nearly half past eight before the column formed at Pleasant Valley, and, under Chief Marshal Jesse Bloch, began the march to the park. Notwithstanding the fact that the column marched through a sparsely settled district, the line of march was fringed on either side by enthusiastic sight-seers. The column, arrived at the park at 9 o'clock and marched to the rear of the Casino, where they made a charge on the barbecue, and helped themselves without the assistance of the waiters. It was but a short while until not a vestige remained of the barbecue that had fed hungry thousands during the day.

#### The Parade.

The Wheeling and visiting clubs boarded ten special cars in the city at 7 o'clock, and were taken to Pleasant Valley, where the column formed. They marched in the following order:  
Chief Marshal—Jesse Bloch.  
Chief of Staff—Herman L. Arbenz.  
Aides—J. C. Brady, John Clark, Henry Daisell, John Huxley, Will Helstern, Jess McCasland, J. T. Carter, G. C. C. Butler, John Guss, Button North, J. F. Butler, Wm. Duncan, Wm. Hare, Jas. Hinkley, Geo. Norton, Earl Cline, Chas. Dierling, John Robinson, Elwood Humes, Walter Chapman, John Riger, G. Bushong, E. C. Flanagan, W. P. Hubbard, Walter Nickerson, Chas. Thonon, T. Harnek W. Spindler, S. Biggs, Fred Welmer.

Triadelphia Band.  
A. B. White Marching Club, of Parkersburg.  
Mark Hanna Club, of Martin's Ferry.  
J. A. Gill Club, of Martin's Ferry.  
McKinley and Roosevelt Club, of Bridgeport.  
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As soon as the marchers arrived the crowd thronged into the Casino and it was soon found that it would be necessary to have an overflow meeting, as the hall was not large enough to accommodate the throng. The Opera House band rendered several patriotic airs and the meeting was called to order. A white haired veteran in the audience arose and proposed three cheers for the next governor, A. B. White, and the response nearly took the roof off the Casino.

#### Ovation for James K. Hall.

James K. Hall was introduced as chairman of the meeting and a wild hurrah greeted him as he stepped to the front of the stage. He thanked the crowd and said he was not expected to make a speech, but he would disappoint the audience. When he predicted a majority in this state of from 15,000 to 20,000 he was cheered. He added that they expected to claim the legislature so as to have a working majority in both branches. Workingmen were all employed in the interior of the state and none were idle if they wanted work. Mr. Hall gave a history of local politics and was interrupted with hurrahs for Taylor, which the whole audience caught up and echoed.

Mr. Hall said there was no personal consideration for him in local politics. It was only a matter of politics. He advised the voters to vote the straight Republican ticket from top to bottom. He closed by introducing General Stewart L. Woodford, of New York. It was fully three minutes before he could begin his speech.

#### General Woodford.

He began by saying that if they voted as well as they shouted they would certainly elect McKinley. He would talk for a few minutes about what the Democrats called the paramount issue. When they discussed the tariff some men took one side and some took the other. They discussed government by injunction and some men took one side and some the other. We were all agreed as to ending of Spanish misrule in Cuba.

When Mr. McKinley was elected he addressed himself to this Cuban problem. He appointed as consul general to Havana a Democrat. He was not only a Democrat, but a Virginian and an ex-Confederate soldier. When he did this he showed that he intended to settle this question from a non-partisan standpoint and with the help of Democrats Mr. McKinley endeavored to do this without the single shot of a gun, when in an unexpected hour the Maine was blown up in the harbor of Havana. War was inevitable. Democrats, Populists and Republicans voted together for it. Then followed the campaign of a hundred days. The Spanish-American war changed the map of the world and the future of the world forever. (Cheers.)

#### The Paris Treaty.

Our flag is planted in the Orient and it will stay there. (Cheers.) The war was won by the victory at San Juan, a naval victory in far-off Manila, and one at Sandiego, but peace was not yet secured. A joint commission was appointed and met at Paris. That treaty surrendered the sovereignty of the Philippines to the United States. It provided for a space of ten years that Spanish residents in the Philippines should be given the same rights as Americans, it required a two-thirds vote in the senate to ratify the treaty. The senators were not in accord and it seemed as though the treaty would not be passed. At that time in the lobby of the senate was William J. Bryan, a distinguished and influential citizen from Nebraska. By his aid the treaty was passed. Mr. Bryan knew that when that treaty was ratified it became by the terms of the constitution the supreme law of the land and the President was bound to enforce it. (Applause.)

What has President McKinley done? He has sought to enforce the supreme law of the land in obedience to his oath and in obedience to God before the people of this land and the nations of the world. The Democratic platform is pledged to secure a stable government, secure the liberty of the Philippines and establish a protectorate over the Philippines. What are we trying to do? We are trying to secure a stable government. We don't know what the Philippines want. We don't know what they are fit for. We are bound to secure peace in the islands. Mr. Bryan says they will establish a protectorate over the islands. A protectorate means that you will defend the government there from any such encroachments of any other governments. If, as I fancy they are, unfit for self-government, then we might as well protect a nation of lunatics. (Applause.)

#### Why Are We in the Philippines?

I do not know that we are in the Philippines by the desire of the Democratic party. But I know that however or whatever the cause in some strange way we are there. When the Maine was blown up all diplomacy was thrown aside. Mr. Bryan secured the ratification of the treaty. Then Mr. Aguinaldo broke the treaty and it became necessary to send 60,000 soldiers across the water to suppress the rebellion. The American soldier was the first to plant the flag in these islands and America leads to-day in the Orient, and what God has put together let no man put asunder. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bryan seeks to array class against class. He seeks to lift no man; he seeks to tear down all about him. He has no message of cheer for the workman. There is a man in a quiet home at Canton who has not violated one pledge of the platform upon which he was elected. He said he would give liberty to Cuba and liberty was given. He said he would enforce obedience to the law and obedience has been enforced. He bears a burden to-night heavier than has ever been borne since the days of Abraham Lincoln. He leads to-day in the diplomacy of the world. (Applause.)

Mr. Woodford concluded with an eloquent appeal for the election of William McKinley and the Republican ticket. He was vigorously applauded when he concluded.

Mr. White then introduced Judge J.

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W. Jones, of Chicago, as the next speaker. The judge said that he had never felt that he had told the truth before so much as now in saying that the Republican party had fulfilled all its pledges of four years ago. He had been down in the heart of employment, and he had seen it. We have a difficulty in finding out what the Democrats want to talk about. One day it is one thing and the next day another. Now it is trusts and then it is busts and so on. (Applause.)

#### Indiana Republican.

There are important issues before the American people to-day. Four years ago in Indiana the Republicans and Democrats got together and now we cannot tell by how a large majority the state is going for the Republican party. Eight years ago Grover Cleveland promised us everything good under a tariff reform. In Cleveland's administration most of the products we consumed were made abroad and we paid millions of dollars to foreign laborers that could have gone into the pockets of American toilers.

The next campaign came around and they had to get a new paramount issue. They preached 16 to 1 and thought the government made the money. They said we must have more money and 16 to 1 would give us more money. Suppose it would contract the currency and that is what it will do. Sixteen to one is only the measure of the value of money. The dollar has nothing to do with the standard, it is the thing we make it of that makes the standard. Free coinage would contract the circulation one-half. It would cut your wages in half.

The Democratic party tells us that 16 to 1 is not the paramount issue this year. Think of it! Robbing one-half the laborers' wages is not the paramount issue. The proposition is in their platform and is as big as it ever was. They obscure the issues and tell us imperialism is the paramount issue. From the crack of the first gun at Lexington to the last shot in the Philippines we have been knocking the tar out of imperialism. The Democrats were wont to boast of how this nation had reached out and out until it reached from ocean to ocean. This doctrine of imperialism was never heard of until their convention met at Kansas City.

#### American Pocketbook the Issue.

If the issue is not the American pocketbook to-day, what is it? We are going up to the stars and if they are getting away we'll shove them aside and pass on. We are the greatest nation to-day and over us hang the Stars and Stripes that you and I love. Wherever Old Glory goes, there goes the spirit of justice and peace that we have been taught in the cradle.

Hon. A. B. White was then introduced for a short speech. He had made a speech in the afternoon and would not take up any of their time. He would talk of militarism. There was no personal responsibility of Democratic and Republican statesmanship in securing sovereignty in the Philippine Islands. Mr. McKinley did not add one man to the volunteer soldiery of this country. Only Congress could do that. Only thirteen senators and thirty-two representatives voted against the increase of our army. The army was increased for the purpose of upholding the United States flag in a foreign nation. (Applause.) You need not be afraid of your little army of 65,000 men, less than was engaged in many a battle in each side in the Civil war. Not a man is there against his will.

Our Democratic friends say it has cost us much blood and treasure to hold the Philippines. We haven't issued as many bonds to do this as Mr. Cleveland did to run this government in times of peace. It has cost us blood and treasure, but it is worth it. We will never get anything without struggle and cost. We have a nation the equal of any on earth. We have a President equal to Washington and Lincoln. We have a flag that is respected by every nation of the world as it was never respected before. (Great applause.)

There were cries of "Dovenor" in the audience, and Capt. Dovenor came to the front of the stage. He said he would not talk, as he knew when church was out. He proposed three cheers for McKinley and Roosevelt and they were given with a will.

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